

REMARKS

The Examiner has required the present application be restricted, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, to one of the following two groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-10, drawn to a pectin composition.

Group II: Claim 7, drawn to a process for preparing the pectin composition.

In response, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, claims 1-4, 6 and 8, drawn to a pectin composition.

This response is made without prejudice or disclaimer to any non-elected subject matter, and Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to any non-elected subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this response, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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